

When Life Swallows You Up

Jonah 1:17-2:10

"Obeying God When You'd Rather Not", Part 2 of 4

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I) JONAH AND THE GREAT FISH: IS IT A "FISHY" STORY? (Jonah 1:17)

Evidence For The Historical Reality Of Jonah And The Great Fish Account

- 1) **___JEWISH TRADITION___** considered it historical.
- 2) **___THE OTHER CONTENT IN JONAH___** necessitates its truthfulness.
- 3) **___JESUS SPOKE OF IT___** as historically factual. (Matthew 12:38-41, 16:4, Luke 11:29-32)
- 4) **___BEING SWALLOWED BY A FISH AND SURVIVING___** is demonstrably possible.

II) JONAH AND THE GREAT PRAYER: A CHANGED HEART? (Jonah 2:1-10)

What To Do When Life Swallows You Up

- 1) Don't turn from God in anger, instead **___TURN TO HIM IN PRAYER___**. (Jonah 2:1-2)
- 2) Don't blame the circumstances on chance, instead **___REALIZE GOD IS AT WORK___**. (Jonah 2:3)
- 3) Don't give up hope in God, instead **___EXPECT THE BEST FROM HIM___**. (Jonah 2:4-7)
- 4) Don't change your priorities, instead **___REMEMBER WHO HAS ALREADY SAVED YOU___**. (Jonah 2:8-10)